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might hint at the fact that this unexampled price for a horse was paid just at the time when Grecian liberties were finally overthrown and supplanted by military absolutism.

It might further be said that such expenditures to gratify luxuries of Alexander of Macedonia were a good model for republican citizens of the nineteenth century.

THE RIDICULOUS BLUE LAWS SUITS. The move for the enforcement of the Blue Law of 1794, which has been the engine for the projectors to the grossing of public opinion upon it.

But before the Court of Public Opinion there is no manner of doubt as to the judgment. That a million of people should be deprived of the privilege of reading their newspapers on Sunday, to satisfy the queer notions of half a century ago.

THE CHILEAN INTERLOUO. War spirit is running high in the new republics. The present outlook for a reasonable and pacific solution of the difficulty between the United States and Chile is represented as very nearly hopeless.

AN EVIDENT MISOMER. An example of the persistent inability of most people to accurately understand the nature of the combination to suppress competition, known as "trusts," is afforded by the reports concerning an "orange and lemon trust" in California.

It is in this country that the sidewalk hawk is endeavoring to try up unexpected and strike pedestrians from behind. If there could be any warning of an impending strike of this kind both men and woman in Pittsburgh would rest easier.

REPUBLICAN PARLIAMENTARY OPINION IN NEW YORK. The Republican party in New York is as present when they refuse to vote is a gross invasion of their liberties—unless it is done by a Republican presiding officer.

MINING PRODUCTION. The review of the mining industries of the United States for 1891, published by the *Engineering Journal*, brings out three points of special interest.

A CLASSIC COMPARISON. The latest stirring thing in horsemanship, the purchase of Arion, the California 2-year-old wonder, for \$150,000, awakens in the New York *Sun* a disposition to historical comparison.

VALUE OF WOMAN'S WORK. Not So Well Paid Because They Haven't the Muscle—Man's Potentially Greater in Work—Not a Matter of Brain—Consequence.

—The reason why most women-workers are not paid so much as men-workers is because they are not worth so much. Here is heredity of hereditary, and from a woman's point of view, it is a matter of brain.

—Bear in mind that what both men and women are paid for is work and that work is not to be done by a woman unless she is paid for it.

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—Where Potentiality Doesn't Count. —In these branches into which it does not enter, women are paid as much as men. Here is heredity of hereditary, and from a woman's point of view, it is a matter of brain.

—PERTINENT PERSONALITIES. M. JULES LEMAITRE predicts that by the year 2000 there will be no more poets. W. O. MITCHELL, Speaker of the Iowa House, is said to be the first native Iowan to have served in the war, existing when a lad of 15.

—THE LAW AND ORDER MEN are now accused of selecting 1891 for their crusade, because there are more Sundays than usual. They will have 34 days in which they can practice their detecting powers.

—TREASURE TROVE BY THE SEA. Sea Isle Residents Want to Dig a Vessel Out of the Sands. SEA ISLE CITY, N. J., Jan. 16.—A gentleman who has been digging for treasure on the beach here, has discovered a vessel which he believes to be the wreck of the ship *Mormier* Livingston, which was stranded a number of years ago on the beach after having been out 12 days from Havre, France.

—MEASURING BY WAVE LENGTHS OF LIGHT. WORCESTER, MASS., Jan. 16.—Prof. Albert A. Michelson, of Clark University, has been invited by the International Association of Weights and Measures to spend the coming summer at the bureau laboratory at Breteuil, France, to assist in the work of measuring the wave lengths of light. He is to make the basis of the unit of weight natural instead of arbitrary.

MRS. KENDAL HAS A TEMPER. In her earnestly conceived, artistically carried out and most successful role, that of gentlewoman, Mrs. Kendal made a distinct failure in Pittsburgh. She stripped over her head, which in this instance was her temper, upon arriving at the theater on Monday morning.

—When her company got to the Duquesne Theater, the dressing rooms were not to be seen. Mrs. Kendal was seen at the theater and by means of her voice, made her presence thoroughly known even in the lobby of the theater.

—A Young Girl Who Possesses Clairvoyant Sight. PLATTS CITY, Mo., Jan. 16.—About five miles from this city lives W. D. House, a farmer, who has a daughter with a wonderful power of gift. The girl is about 15 years old, and for several years she has been considered by the simple country folks around the neighborhood to be "odd."

—An Honor to Their Breed. New York Evening Sun. The Pittsburgh newboys' resolutions protesting against interference with the sale of Sunday newspapers are a model of that order of composition—simple, direct and to the point.

—The People Want the Papers. Philadelphia Call. It is evident that an effort to prevent the publishing of Sunday newspapers in Pittsburgh is a serious matter, and it is understood that a large number of arrests are to be made on Sunday next.

—They Might Burn the Witches. Sharpshooters Herald. Wonder if the Law and Order Society will burn any witches, as the law of 1794 was in force at the time that witches were burned, and this legislation is in the name of the same people who advocated witch-burning.

—Not More Sifted Than Making Hash. Harrisburg Star. The newboys of Pittsburgh had a meeting last night and resolved that it is no more sifted than making hash on Sunday that it is to stow hash for a preacher's breakfast on the same day.

—The Columns Are as Solid as Ever. Philadelphia Times. The Sunday newspaper war has opened in Pittsburgh, but the columns of the Journal attacked stand as solid as ever.

—It Was Haunted and He Tore It Down in the Consequence. Rondo, Jan. 16.—Soon after the murder of a Simon Herz, a Hebrew peddler of this place, near an old lead mine in Sullivan county, a man named Herz was seen at a place in that town under the blue law of 1794.

—THE PEABODY EXPEDITION. Peabody Expedition. News has been received from the Peabody Expedition, which was organized by the Peabody Museum, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of exploring the interior of the Peabody Mountains.

THE BLUE LAWS CRUSADE. The movement of the Law and Order League in Pittsburgh to suppress the Sunday newspaper is not, as one at this distance might reasonably enough suppose, dictated by a large sense of American humor, which, in its noblest expansion, has been unable to keep up with the Sabbath day bluster sheet.

—In 1853 Capt. Kevins, secondly, was "put into the pen stocks" for the unseemly kissing of his wife publicly on the Sabbath day upon the doorstep of his home, when he had just returned from the railroad to his home.

—A Very Substantial Structure. —One reason why the long abandoned road remains so conspicuous a landmark in the city is because of its substantial manner, and was for the time—90 years ago—a work of truly gigantic character.

—The Public Scolded at It. —This was on March 21, 1831. Railroads were just then in the experimental stage. It was less than two years before that the first locomotive in America had been given the name of "Tommy." It was a small engine, and the great mass of the people scoffed at the idea of surmounting the very palpable difficulty of carrying a load of iron on wheels.

—It Covered 1,400 Feet Elevation. —The road extended from the canal near Johnstown to Hollidaysburg, about 36 miles, and surmounted a height of almost exactly 1,400 feet. The fifth plane from Johnstown reached the top of the mountain very near the summit of the mountain.

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—"Our new contralto puts on a good many airs. Yes, but she can't come up to the soprano."—New York Press.

THE OLD PORTAGE ROAD. The proposed "cut off" on the line of the Pennsylvania, just announced by telegraph, by which the company will save 15 miles of distance between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, is of far more interest to the public than are most of the star economic measures of railway management.

—The "cut off" is to be made right at the world-famous "horse-shoe curve," where the scenic beauty of the Pennsylvania is at its best, and a series of views are presented which are in all probability unequalled along any line of railroad east of the Rocky Mountains.

—Proposed to Carry Bats Bodily. —The canals could not well be dug through or under the Alleghenies, nor lifted over them by a system of locks, and so the novel scheme was introduced of putting the bats out of the water by transporting them up and over by a railroad and then committing them again to the waters of the canal after the lofty stage of their journey had been reached.

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CURIOS CONDENSATIONS. —The freshman class of the Detroit Medical College has a member who is 65 years old.

—Out of 2,700 Congressional ministers in England and Wales, at least 1,000 are abstainers: 91 students 330 are abstainers.

—A resident of Hamilton, Ill., has petitioned the City Council for the abatement of a nuisance in the shape of a dwarf jacks that is installed a few feet from his door.

—During the denominational year just ended 305 members of the Society of Friends in Great Britain and Ireland died. The average death was a little over 37 years.

—A pet dog, which takes the air on the streets dressed in dark cloth stockings or gaiters reaching above the knees, and having leather soles, is attracting attention in Paris.

—There has just died in Poland a once celebrated beauty, who refused the hand of Napoleon III. She was the Princess Helene of Saxe-Coburg, and died unmarried at the age of 77.

—In 1889 there were in Russia 312 match manufacturers, with an aggregate production of 10,704,000 matches. Of these works were 100 manufactured phosphorus matches.

—A Georgian discovered that a chicken snake had taken three of his young chicks. He killed the snake, recovered the chicks, placed them under the hen, and now they did fair to make good broilers in time.

—Platte county, Mo., reports a wonder in the form of a year-old daughter of W. D. House, a farmer, who has been born without bearing the sex and books without seeing the pages.

—A black lass (large-mouthed) was recently caught near Waco, Fla., which weighed 27 pounds. This tops the record by 34 pounds, as a bass weighing 23 1/2 pounds was taken some years ago from a Florida lake.